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SUBJECT : US VISIT OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GUENA

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1. IN VIEW OF REFTEL INVITATION TO EMBASSY TO SUBMIT ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS RE GUENA VISIT, WE INQUIRED OF LACARRIERE, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING GUENA, WHETHER HE COULD ALERT US TO ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS OR DESIRES ON GUENA'S PART TO ASSIST DOT IN ITS PLANNING FOR THE VISIT. AFTER CONFERRING WITH GUENA, LACARRIERE HAS IDENTIFIED THREE AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST THOUGH WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE WOULD BE FITTED INTO PROGRAM ONLY TO EXTENT THAT TIME AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS PERMIT.

2. IF POSSIBLE, GUENA WOULD LIKE TO SIT IN FOR AN HOUR OR SO ON A SESSION OF CONGRESS. PROTOCOL IS NO PROBLEM AND HE WOULD BE CONTENT TO SIT IN PUBLIC GALLERY.

3. SINCE GUENA IS ALSO MAYOR OF PERIGUEUX IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE MAYOR OF A US TOWN OF COMPARABLE SIZE (50-100.000 POPULATION). LACARRIERE WONDERS IF PUEBLO MIGHT NOT FIT THE BILL. LACARRIERE WAS EXTENDED WARM HOSPITALITY BY REPS OF PUEBLO MUNICIPALITY DURING HIS LAST VISIT TO TEST CENTER THERE. HE RECALLS HAVING BEEN TOLD UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT PUEBLO WAS ORIGINALLY FOUNDED BY FRENCH TRAPPERS

FROM LOUISIANA, WHICH WOULD BE EXCELLENT PEG FOR SHOW OF FRANCO-AMERICAN AMITY ON OCCASION GUENA VISIT. HOWEVER, LACARRIERE SAID GUENA'S PRIME INTEREST IS IN MEETING AND TALKING WITH A MAYOR AND NOT NECESSARILY VISITING THE TOWN, WHICH THUS PROVIDES SOME FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING BY ENABLING SMALL TOWN MAYOR TO BE INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, IN ONE OF LUCHEONS SCHEDULED FOR GUENA ENROUTE ON HIS TRIP.

4. GUENA IS MUCH INTERESTED IN ART AND IF TIME PERMITS WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE VISIT ONE OR TWO ART MUSEUMS ON HIS ITINERARY. SINCE HE WILL BE ABLE VISIT NATIONAL GALLERY CONVENIENTLY ON LATER TRIPS TO US, HE WOULD PREFER CONFINE MUSUEMOING TO FARTHER REMOVED POINTS SUCH AS DALLAS OR SAN FRANCISCO. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DOT MAY ALSO WISH EXPLORE POSSIBILITY ARRANGING VISIT TO A PRIVATE COLLECTION IN EITHER OF THOSE CITIES.

5. LACARRIERE SAID LANSALOT-BASOU HAD REPORTED SOME UNCERTAINTY OVER WHETHER SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S AIRCRAFT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR GUENA'S USE DURING VISIT BECAUSE OF FUEL SHORTAGE. GUENA WISHED US TO BE REASSURED THAT HE WOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTANDING OF ANY PROBLEMS THAT USE OF SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT RAISE AND WOULD BE PERFECTLY CONTENT TRAVEL VIA SCHEDULED CARRIER FOR ALL OR PART OF ITINERARY. MINISTRY IS ALSO CABLING LANSALOT-BASOU ALONG THESE LINES.

6. RE PARA 1 REFTEL , LECLERCQ (NOTE CORECT SPELLING) IS NOT CHEF DE CABINET BUT HAS TITLE OF TECHNICAL ADVISER WITHIN MINISTER'S CABINET. LATHIERE'S CORRECT TITLE IS DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT (WITHIN SECRETARIAT GENERAL FOR CIVIL AVIATION IN TRANSPORT MINISTRY). FRYBOURG IS DIRECTOR OF THE TRANSPORT RESEARCH INSTITUTE (WHICH IS BODY COMING UNDER MINISTRY OF EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT).IRWIN

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